

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Title of the specification to read as follows:

Pit Cover for a Manhole with Improved Crossbar

Please amend Paragraph [0026] of the specification to read as follows:

[0026] With particular reference to Figures 1 and 5, the cross bar 14 includes a first length 68 in the form of a strip or flat bar which extends in a first direction and one or more (in this particular instance only one) catch portion 70 at each end of the length 68. The catch portions 70 are in the form of catch legs that extend in a direction non-parallel with and moreover in this embodiment at right angles to, the direction of the first length 68. The catch portions 70 may be formed integrally with the first length 68 by appropriate bending of a flat or strip bar. Alternately, the catch portions 70 may be welded or otherwise fixed to the ends of the first length 68. The tab 34 may be made from the same material as the first length 68 and/or catch portion 70 and extends upwardly from the first length 68.

Please amend Paragraph [0027] of the specification to read as follows:

[0027] Opposite ends of the cross bar 14 are coupled to the casing 12 via respective catches 72 (see Figures 1, 6 and 7). Each catch 72 includes a back plate 74 provided with four spaced apart holes 76 to allow fastening of the catches 72 to the walls 18 on the inside 24 of the casing 12. A box-like structure 78 is fixed to the back plate 74 and is provided with an open end 80, a catch wall 79 that extends parallel to the back plate 74, and a slot 82 extending longitudinally along the catch wall 79 from the open end 80. The cross bar 14 is coupled to the casing 12 by sliding the catch portions 70 into the box-like structures 78 from the open end 80. When the cover plate 16 is placed over the end 20 of the casing 12 with the tab 34 projecting into the enclosure 28, the cross bar 14 is prevented from sliding out of the box-like structure 78.